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Related to Item 5

I am supportive of efforts to provide summer job opportunities for young people. Last year, our Board invested \$6.5 million on a one-time basis, to the benefit of 3,700 young people who participated in community-based summer employment and internship programs all over Los Angeles County.

We should support efforts to provide these opportunities in local cities and communities in a flexible, year-to-year approach, contingent on funding priorities, rather than a sustained, programmatic approach. To plan effectively for this, we must engage our partners in the community that are equally concerned about providing summer employment programs. We also must ensure that any job opportunities we do provide are readily accessible to all young people in the County, no matter where they live.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work in consultation with the Directors of Human Resources and Community and Senior Services and report back to the Board in 30 days on a strategy to develop and fund flexible, community-based summer employment opportunities for young people, by engaging organizations that interact with young people and may offer summer jobs, as well as private foundations and corporations interested in subsidizing countywide summer employment programs.

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